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SUBJECT: SEATO: PRESS QUERIES RE AUSTRALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT
OF WITHDRAWAL FROM SEATO MILITARY EXERCISE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

IF QUESTIONED REGARDING AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPT
ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 10 CARRIED AFP ANNOUNCING AUSTRALIAN
DECISION WITHDRAW FROM SEATO JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE THIS
YEAR, DEPT PLANS RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INDICATED SOME
WEEKS AGO TO SEATO MEMBERS THAT IT DID NOT INTEND
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TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL SEATO MILITARY EXERCISE.

THE SEATO MILITARY PLANNING OFFICE IN BANGKOK IS
IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING THE RESCHEDULING OF
MILITARY EXERCISES FOR THE FUTURE. AT THE ANNUAL
MINISTERIAL MEETING OF SEATO, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FOR THE FALL IN THE UNITED STATES, MEMBERS WILL
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS, AS THEY DO EACH
YEAR, THE ROLE OF SEATO IN THE EVOLVING SOUTHEAST
ASIAN SITUATION. UNQUOTE

IF PRESSED WITH QUESTION WHETHER USG BELIEVES AUSTRALIA
PULLING OUT OF SEATO, RESPONSE WILL BE:

QUOTE: WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIA
INTENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM SEATO. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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